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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Application Ser. No. 09/834,848 : Art Unit 1775

Filed 4/13/01 : Exr. J. Zimmerman

Inventors Hougham et al. : Atty.Dkt. No. YOR920000548US1

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For: DEFORMABLE COATED WICK LIQUID SPILLED MATERIAL TRANSFER

SUBMISSION IN REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:
Overview

The prosecution in the above identified application heretofore had progressed to a 4/15/03 final rejection. An appeal was noticed but the brief due date was missed. The telephone guidance of the examiner is much appreciated. Efforts were underway toward limiting the claims to the handling of mercury spillage through a high surface area deformable absorber with a gold coating.

This submission, in this Request for continued examination under 37CFR 1.114, is directed to responding to the points that have evolved thus far, including including those in the 4/15/03 final rejection and remaining after the present amendments. In the 4/15/03 final rejection there is an examiner's position directed to method type claiming.

A complete listing and summary of all the claims in the application is as follows.

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